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1. SUMMARY. IN NOTE SIGNED BY COMODORO RAUL A. CURA, UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS WITH THE MINISTRY THE AGENDA FOR RESUMED MEETINGS OF THE ARGENTINE-U.S. MIXED COMMISSION. THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AND "PRIOR TO THE NEXT ROUND OF GATT NEGOTIATIONS." THE NOTE RECALLS THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR REVIVING THE MIXED COMMISSION WAS PRESENTED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN DURING HIS RECENT VISIT AND WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE REFERS TO THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN AND CONTINUES AS FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

BEGIN QUOTE. THIS CHANCERY APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE WHICH THE MEETINGS WITH MR. TODMAN
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PRESENTED AND BY THIS MEANS WISHES TO REFER TO THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE. IN THIS CONNECTION THE GOOD RECEPTION GIVEN BY MR. TODMAN TO THE ARGENTINE PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE RESUMPTION OF MEETINGS OF THE ARGENTINE-U.S. MIXED COMMISSION IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY POSITIVE. THIS

CHANCERY BELIEVES THAT THE COOPERATION OF YOUR EMBASSY IS VERY NECESSARY IN PREPARING FOR THE NEW ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS, DUE TO THE EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE OF ARGENTINE POSSIBILITIES AS AN ECONOMIC PARTNER OF THE U.S. AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS ARISING IN THE ECONOMIC SECTOR ON A BASIS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND RECIPROCAL COMPREHENSION. IN THE OPINION OF THIS CHANCERY, THE MEETING OF THE MIXED COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR AND BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT ROUND OF GATT NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THIS REASON IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO BEGIN THE WORK OF PREPARING THE AGENDA SOON. TO THIS END A ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS COULD COMMENCE WITH OFFICIALS OF YOUR EMBASSY, FOR WHICH PURPOSE WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE PARTICIPANTS DESIGNATED BY YOUR EMBASSY. END QUOTE.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN MENTIONED IN THIS NOTE IS REPORTED IN REFTEL. FOLLOWING THAT MEETING, EMBASSY ECOM COUNSELOR WAS TOLD BY UNDER SECRETARY CURA THAT THE MIXED COMMISSION REFERRED TO MET TWICE IN THE YEAR 1968 TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS INVOLVING TRADE, BUT APPARENTLY NO DETAILED RECORDS WERE KEPT OF THESE MEETINGS. CURA ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE OR EXCHANGE OF NOTES FORMALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ESTABLISHING THE MIXED COMMISSION. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMISSION DID AND STILL DOES EXIST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW THE EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S NOTE. HIGGINS

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